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UNIT 318 THE COLUMNS, Ayala Avenue cor. Buendia 48 sq m, P6,000,000

'Corona assets worth ₱200M'

19 properties allegedly undeclared

By Juliet Labog-Javellana and Cynthia D. Balana

LAND TITLES show a spate of acquisitions of prime real estate by Chief Justice Renato Corona and his family as late as 2010.

Documents of the Land Registration Authority (LRA) obtained by the Inquirer from unimpeachable sources showed that 19 properties were registered under the name of Corona, his wife Cristina, their daughters Charina and Carla, and the latter's husband Constantino Castillo.

Spread across four cities in Metro Manila—Makati, Taguig, Marikina and Quezon City—the 19 properties, including condominium units in the most prestigious addresses, have an estimated total area of [illegible] square meters and current market value of P[illegible] million.

The combined area of nearly [illegible] sq m is roughly equivalent to [illegible] housing units under the government's socialized housing program.

The 19 properties are among the 45 properties that the House prosecution panel disclosed on Thursday as among the questionable assets that the impeached Chief Justice did not declare in his statement of assets, liabilities and net worth (SALN).

The 11-member House prose-

CORONA A4

IBP to issue daily updates on impeachment trial / A13

Partial list of 'Corona properties'

AREA	TITLE	ADDRESS	OWNER	SIZE (sq m)	EST MKT VALUE	ACQUISITION DATE
1 MAKATI	CCT [illegible]	Unit 318 The Columns, Ayala Avenue cor. Buendia Avenue	Cristina Corona married to Renato Corona	48	6,000,000	Oct. 1, 2004
2 [illegible]	CCT 164-[illegible]	308 Bellagio I, Fort Bonifacio, Taguig	Cristina Corona married to Renato Corona	303	30,000,000	Dec. [illegible], 2009
3	CCT 164-[illegible]	Bellagio I, Parking Slot	Cristina Corona married to Renato Corona		2,000,000	Dec. [illegible], 2009
4	CCT 164-[illegible]	Bellagio I, Parking Slot	Cristina Corona married to Renato Corona		2,000,000	Dec. [illegible], 2009
5	CCT 164-[illegible]	Bellagio I, Parking Slot	Cristina Corona married to Renato Corona		2,000,000	Dec. [illegible], 2009
6	CCT [illegible]	1902 Spanish Bay Tower, Bonifacio Ridge, Fort Bonifacio [illegible], Parking Slot	Cristina Corona married to Renato Corona	115	10,000,000	Nov. [illegible], 2009

PARTIAL LIST A4



308 BELLAGIO I, Fort Bonifacio, Taguig City, 303 sq m, P30,000,000

CJ: This is a hoax; we are a family of no ordinary means

By Jerome Aning and Christian V. Esguerra

CHIEF Justice Renato Corona yesterday denounced as "a hoax" and "black propaganda" a list of 45 properties in four Metro Manila cities that he and his wife had allegedly acquired which prosecutors from the House of Representatives released to the media on Thursday.

"The recent list from the Land Registration Authority (LRA) enumerating 45 titles, purportedly owned by me and/or my wife is nothing but black propaganda to poison the people's minds. I condemn this list of titles as a hoax, calculated to [illegible] inflict maximum damage to me in the eyes of the public. By its sheer number alone, it smacks of bad faith and deception," Corona said in a statement yesterday.

The Chief Justice said he owned only five properties and these are all declared in his statement of assets, liabilities and net worth (SALN)—the house he was living in that he inherited from his parents and four condominium units "that came from our own sweat and toil."

"If they [his accusers] must dig and dig [illegible], they have to study my family history and the family history of my wife. We are

CJ THIS A4



1902 SPANISH BAY TOWER, Fort Bonifacio, 115 sq m, P10,000,000

Guess who didn't come to vin d'bonneur?

By Norman Bordadora

IT WAS one Palace affair where the hosts were probably relieved that not all of the invited guests showed up.

"They were invited, as is the protocol, but I understand why they didn't attend," Communications Development Secretary Ricky Carandang said when asked about the absence yesterday at the New Year's vin d'honneur in Malacañang of Chief Justice Renato Corona and most of the associate justices of the Supreme Court.

"It's not an issue for us," Carandang said.

The Palace gathering took place three days before the start of Corona's impeachment trial at the Senate. President Aquino has supported congressional moves to oust Corona in their public utterances in recent weeks.

GUESS A4





1/BLOCK 16 MCKINLEY HILL, Fort Bonifacio, 283 sq m P16,000,000

$5.9-B mine project fails to get ECC

By Riza T. Olchondra

GLOBAL MINER Xstrata Plc's Philippine unit said on Friday it was "extremely disappointed" with a government decision not to clear for now its planned $5.9 billion copper-gold Tampakan project, potentially the biggest in Southeast Asia.

Sagittarius Mines Inc. (SMI), operator of the Tampakan project and partly owned by Australian miner Indophil Resources NL, will appeal to the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) to reconsider its decision, which it said contradicted the government's earlier stance that the national law was superior to local policies.

The target is for the mine to begin commercial production by 2016. It is touted to be the single largest foreign direct investment in the Philippines.

But the project, which will use open-pit mining to extract the minerals, is under threat from a local ban on the method deemed harmful to the environment by officials of the South Cotabato province.

SMI failed to obtain an envi-

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90% of LGUs comply with open policy; 162 face ax

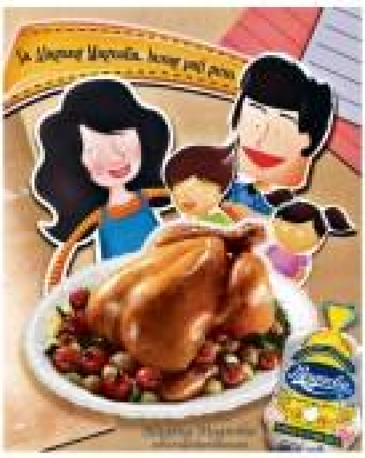
By DJ Yap

SOME 162 governors and mayors are facing removal from office for failing to comply with the Aquino administration's full disclosure policy.

But at least 90 percent, or 1,551, of the 1,713 provinces, cities and towns nationwide have already complied with the full disclosure policy that requires them to post their budget and other financial transactions in websites, general circulation newspapers and other conspic-

90% OF LGUs A13

Payback time: City mayors back Corona ouster / A6



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GMA a ‘huge failure’—Palace

By Norman Bordadora

MALACAÑANG YESTERDAY turned the tables on former President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo and branded her administration as “a huge failure” a day after the Arroyo camp came up with a critique citing the Aquino administration’s supposed shortcomings in running the economy after taking over in 2010.

No research needed

The economy, student

Vote of confidence

Arroyo starts writing memoirs—in longhand

By Michael Lim Ubac

‘Stone to the edifice’

‘Much stronger’



Aquino-Obama meeting in US set in May or June

By Norman Bordadora

McCain here next week

By Jerry E. Esplanada

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Sighted in Davao

'Corona assets worth ₱200M'; 19 not in SALN

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If you can find them...

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The Columns

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La Vista (5 properties)

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Mortgaged properties

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Absurdity

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'CORONA PROPERTIES'

	AREA	TITLE	ADDRESS	OWNER	SIZE (sq m)	EST. MKT VALUE	ACQUISITION DATE
7		[illegible]	[illegible] McKinley Hill, Fort Bonifacio, Taguig	In the name of Charina Corona (daughter), with CJ as attorney-in-fact	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
8	MARIKINA	[illegible]	Marikina Heights	Cristina Corona married to Renato Corona	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
9		[illegible]	Marikina Heights	Cristina Corona married to Renato Corona	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
10		[illegible]	Marikina Heights	Cristina Corona married to Renato Corona	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
11		[illegible]	Marikina Heights	Cristina Corona married to Renato Corona	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
12		[illegible]	Marikina Heights	Cristina Corona married to Renato Corona	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
13		[illegible]	Marikina Heights	Cristina Corona married to Renato Corona	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
14		[illegible]	Marikina Heights	Cristina Corona married to Renato Corona	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
15	QUEZON CITY	[illegible]	Diliman, Quezon City	Renato C. Corona married to Cristina Corona	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
16		[illegible]	Diliman, Quezon City	[illegible] (daughter)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
17		[illegible]	La Vista Subdivision	[illegible] (daughter)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
18		[illegible]	Cubao, Quezon City	[illegible] (daughter)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
19		[illegible]	Diliman, Quezon City	Renato C. Corona married to Cristina Corona	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
	TOTAL				[illegible]	[illegible]	

4 officers linked to Pestaño slay face dismissal, says Navy chief

Ombudsman's order

Payback time: City mayors back Corona ouster



Not meet cityhood criteria

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CJ: This is a hoax; we are families of no ordinary means

'Dig and dig for'

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'Plainly malicious'

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Enough company

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'Culture of impunity'

Reawakened Filipinos

Pag-IBIG to go after erring employers

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Travel Café no fun for tourism

By TJ Burgonio

Miserable failure

No performance indicator

Sta. Cruz jazz choir turns 40

DOST launches inter-agency flood prevention program

By Tarra Quismundo

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Jobless rate down to 7% as labor force hits 40M

By Ronnel W. Domingo

The Daily Gospel

Across the NATION

Mom still hopeful of finding 3 kids lost in flood after almost a month

DPWH mistake causes Baguio traffic jam

BAGUIO CITY—Lessons from the 2011 simultaneous road works, which were blamed for the economic slowdown in many Luzon provinces, have apparently not sunk in.



2 LTO execs, 11 agents face criminal raps

LGUs alerted on landslide- and flood-prone areas in Davao del Sur, Calabarzon region

INQUIRER Visayas



E-guide to Sinulog

TWO JOURNALISTS are giving locals and tourists a "techie experience" during the Sinulog festivities, Cebu's biggest festival in honor of the Holy Child Jesus.

ATI-ATIHAN, DINAGYANG, SINULOG

From community to national fests

BIGGER prizes and more contingents are in store for the public in the three festivals in Cebu, Iloilo and Aklan, held every January in honor of the Holy Child Jesus.





Fil-Am musician sings for 'Sendong' victims in Dumaguete

HE MAY have been half a world away, but that didn't stop US-based musician Ryan Villanueva from helping the victims of Tropical Storm "Sendong" in Dumaguete City, Negros Oriental.



FILIPINO-AMERICAN Ryan Villanueva

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Lee sews it up by three

Korean teener plays just hard enough to thwart Superal

By Musong R. Castillo

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PHILIPPINE Ladies Open winner Lee Jeong Eun receives her trophy from WGAP president Rio Co.

Lopez holds out hopes PH will get more Olympic slots

By Marc Anthony Reyes

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NCA World C'ship Derby finals today

[illegible]

S. Africans oust Reyes, Patrombon



Howard bests old NBA mark

Defending champ Air Force gets early test as UFL opens

Palaran, DLSZ spikers eye semifinals

Jeron, Xavier face CKS in juniors tilt

Thunderbird Heats Up the Air as 2012 World Gamefowl Expo Enters Day 3

Tabuena in danger of missing Sony Open cut

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Casio, Lassiter shine as Tigers go up, 3-2



AirAsia Patriots take on Bangkok Cobras as ABL unfolds

Aplus Metro

No clues on CCTV about woman in suitcase

Victim's dad not sure if image on Naia cameras that of his daughter

THE CLOSED-CIRCUIT television (CCTV) cameras at Ninoy Aquino International Airport (Naia) did not provide any clues as to who fetched the woman whose body was found inside a suitcase at the airport parking lot a day after she arrived from Bahrain.

Oil pipe leakage cleanup starts in Makati barangay



Young chef cooks up a storm for reality TV show



Signature dish



Creativity shows

Wrong place, wrong time

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Ramon Tulfo



Navotas City celebrates 106th year on Jan. 16

The WORLD

Burma starts freeing more political prisoners

Cycle of massacre, revenge follows South Sudan's birth

By Jeffrey Gettleman

PIBOR, SOUTH SUDAN—The trail of corpses begins about 300 yards from the corrugated metal gate of the UN compound and stretches for miles into the bush.

Iran signals revenge over scientist's killing

WorldBriefs

UK probes role in Libya torture claim

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Time for local private sector to do its share

BANGKO Sentral ng Pilipinas Governor Amando Tetangco Jr. has called on private firms to engage in more job-generating initiatives, saying they should do their share in accelerating growth of the economy as the government provides the appropriate business environment.

Seized counterfeit goods up 58% to ₱8.38B in 2011

Philippine Stock Exchange

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PH export sector seen to recover this year

Study cites improving US economy, robust China demand



PROPERTY

Editor: Cesar O. Mangawang

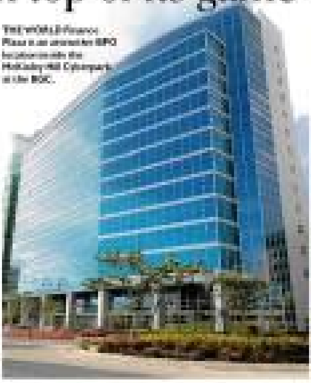
'BACK IN THE GAME?'

PH upgraded in international property investors' report card

By Tessa R. Salazar

Megaworld still on top of its game

By Charles E. Buban



THE WORLD Finance Plaza is an attractive BPO location inside the McKinley Hill Cyberpark in the BGC.





BELLEFORT Estates offers a range of lifestyle amenities and high-end clubhouse facilities.

Pro • Friends provides residents livable areas conducive for convenient lifestyle

By Therese S. Bersamina



THE BELLEFORT's linear park can be used as a safe playground for kids or a venue for outdoor gatherings.

Self-made tycoon conquers hurdles, rises above dreams





STANDING tall and proud. Tan at one of Megaworld's projects, The Eastwood City.



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Brown rice can help boost memory, ease rice shortage, says scientist

By Tessa R. Salazar

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Australian Government

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REQUEST FOR TENDER

The Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID) manages the Australian Government's official overseas aid program. AusAID assists developing countries to reduce poverty and achieve sustainable development in line with Australia's national interest. AusAID is seeking a contractor to undertake the following development program in the Philippines.

BASIC EDUCATION ASSISTANCE FOR MINDANAO – AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO (BEAM-ARMM) PROGRAM

The Australia-Philippines Development Strategy highlights Australia's goal of improving access to and quality of basic education for Filipino children. The Basic Education Assistance for Mindanao in the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BEAM-ARMM) program is designed to assist the Government of the Philippines improve the delivery and governance of basic education in ARMM.

The contractor for the BEAM-ARMM will cover specific components: Component 1) on Basic Education; and Component 3 on Technical Vocational and Skills Development for the Out-of-School Youth and Support to DepED-ARMM's Overall Program Monitoring and Evaluation. The overarching goal of the program is to contribute to the alleviation of poverty in ARMM and in the longer term, the emergence of peace through targeted investments in basic education.

The Program's objectives are to:

- improve access, participation and completion rates in basic education;
- improve learning achievement in functional literacy and numeracy in elementary education; improve the quality of teaching in English, Mathematics and Science in secondary;
- develop employment related skills for senior secondary level and for out-of-school youth; and
- improve management systems within DepED-ARMM.

It is anticipated that the Program will commence in June 2012 and will continue up to 30 June 2015.

Selection will be on a one step tender basis. The closing date for submission of proposals is 2.00pm (Canberra time) Tuesday, 28 February 2012.

Tender documents are available on the AusTender website: https://www.tenders.gov.au/

All enquiries should be addressed to [illegible] at email [illegible]@ausaid.gov.au

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OBITUARIES

"Even when I walk through a dark valley, I fear no harm, for you are at my side; your rod and staff give me courage."
Psalm 23:4

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BUSINESS

Foreign brokers dominated PH trade in 2011

Lion's share went to Maybank ATR Kim Eng



Peso seen to weaken against US dollar in '12

Intex, Chinese partner to build PH's first nickel plant

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Drug industry made a killing in '11

ICTSI goes full throttle in global expansion

Auto firms lure youth with gadgets, sleek designs

ROADTALK Saturday

DETROIT, Michigan – Dashboards glittering with gadgets, turbo-charged engines and sleek designs are on offer as automakers try to attract young consumers who care more about computers than cars.

BMW's Mini is the most tricked-out car on display at the Detroit auto show this week — allowing drivers a way to turn their car into both a video game and a DJ, using a joystick to help navigate the chrome circular display.

The Mini's dynamic music system shifts sound levels of different speakers and adds tracks when the car accelerates, brakes or turns.

The car also turns fuel efficiency into a game using a fish bowl graphic that tips over if a driver wastes fuel by accelerating or braking too quickly.

And the on-board computer is programmed to speak 1,000 different messages, including "yippee, that was awesome!" for a smooth turn and "it's cold outside." Volkswagen's new Beetle features a Fender sound system that can be turned into an amplifier thanks to a jack for an electric guitar.

Hyundai's navigation system lets parents track how fast their teenagers drive and where they take the car — which might sound a bit creepy and restrictive, but could make it easier to trust kids with the keys.

Voice recognition, Bluetooth connections, navigation systems that track the location of Facebook friends, and access to Internet radio stations, restaurant reviews, and search engines are also becoming standard fare as automakers seek to keep up with a generation raised in the digital age.

Car sales among the under-30 crowd have been sluggish in recent years and — perhaps more worryingly — US teenagers are no longer rushing to get a driver's license the instant they're old enough for the traditional rite of passage.

"The big thing about the youth market is, do they care about cars at all," Jeremy Anwyl, president of automotive site Edmunds.com, told AFP.

"Nobody really has an answer because a lot of the data was collected in a recession — if you can't afford something you don't give it a lot of thought."

The 80 million strong under-30 crowd represents 40 percent of potential US car buyers and have a collective spending power and influence of nearly a trillion dollars.

"It would be a mistake to paint youth with a broad brush," said Bob Carter, of Toyota Motor Sales USA.

While some young people are still attracted to muscle cars and performance, others are looking for environmentally-friendly options.

Some want a hatchback or sport utility vehicle so they can haul bikes, surfboards or friends, while others are looking for nippy little cars with an urban feel.

"The common thread through all that is (that) we do pack those vehicles with a high level of content, specifically on technology," Carter said in an interview on the sidelines of the Detroit auto show.

"But we have to do it in a responsible way that's not distracting." Toyota has developed an entire brand — Scion — to lure young people looking for something more stylish than what their parents drive.

Personalization and performance has been a big part of Scion's appeal — it offers a wider range of colors and interiors, spoilers and appliques, encouraging a robust after-market upgrade industry.

Consumers are also expecting the 'millennials' to be more interested in luxury brands once they settle into their careers, and are expanding their offerings of entry-level luxury vehicles, said Mark Templin, general manager of Toyota's luxury Lexus brand.

"We talk a lot about the democratization of luxury," Templin said. AFP



Elantra, Evoque win Car of the Year honors at Detroit Show



Scion unveils a low-priced sports car for young buyers

Tata bounces back with $20K 4-seater prototype



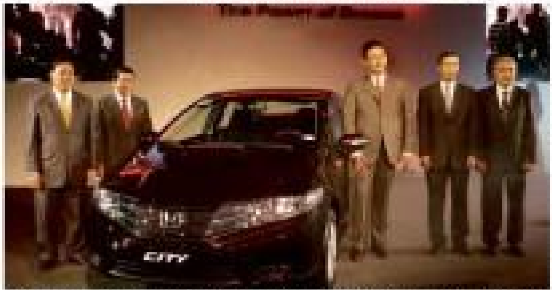
GM on pace to become world's No. 1 again

Think small: US firms bid to retake luxury car market



Fresh makeover for the current Honda City





CPI Motard is motorcycle version of SUV

More than 2 million Mercedes-Benz SUVs sold worldwide





New Avanza launches big year for Toyota











PRICE LIST

Motortech, not your typical motorshop

Super LifeStyle
Editor: Thelma Sioson San Juan · Section Editor: Pam Pastor

Two faces of 'Bora'



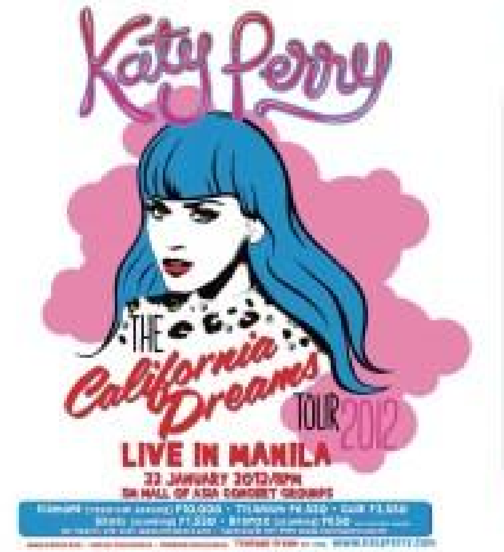
> And still masses of people come here, because despite the large barely-covered manhole that juts out of the sandy walkway, Boracay is excessively beautiful


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ater Dragon keeps you on top.

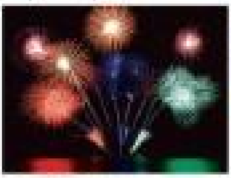
The Brightest January at SM Mall of Asia

California dreams will come true this month as Katy Perry hits Manila this January 22, 2012 at SM Mall of Asia! Witness an extraterrestrial concert phenomenon as she sings the hottest singles from her latest album, Teenage Dream, featuring California Gurls, Teenage Dream, E.T. Firework, Last Friday Night(T.G.I.F.) and many more. Nothing comes close to this night with Katy Perry only at SM Mall of Asia!



Watch the Brightest Battle in the Sky at the Pyromusical Competition 2012

The battle of the biggest and brightest takes place once again at The 3rd Annual Philippine International Pyromusical Competition. This 2012, SM Mall of Asia is bringing you 12 flags to compete against one another and gain victory through glorious firework exhibitions. Witness as South Korea, Malta, United Kingdom, Spain, Finland, Portugal, China, The Netherlands, Australia, Canada, Italy and of course, Philippines take pride and glory as they ignite a spark under the Philippine sky. Don't miss another never-seen-before firework showdown at The 3rd Annual Philippine International PyroMusical Competition only at SM Mall of Asia!





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Coming up with your own personalized tourism campaign ad is more fun in the Philippines

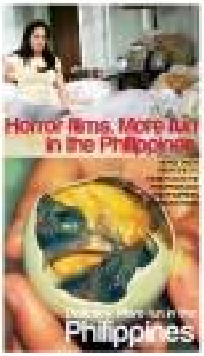


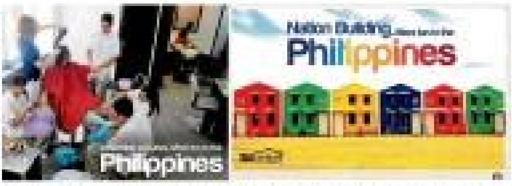
Contributor

THERE is no doubt how "It's More Fun in the Philippines"—the new campaign of the Philippine Department of Tourism—got everyone's attention when it was unveiled last week. Apart from an attractively colorful banig-inspired logo featuring the Philippine map, the use of different colors for the copy was also a great decision. However, the slogan itself—"It's More Fun in the Philippines"—instantly attracted a lot of negative comments, including how it was just copied from Switzerland's "It's More Fun in Switzerland" in 1951.

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Top 10 personalized tourism campaign ads making rounds online that are better–or at least more attention-grabbing–than the official ones on the Philippine tourism site



What's your fun Philippines?



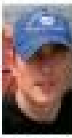
Our neighbors speak up

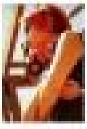
Does the new tourism campaign make them want to come here?











JACKETS 101 FROM SURPLUS



PADDED: Windproof and waterproof red hooded jacket with zip detailing for traveling abroad.



DENIM: Cool classic jacket with shearling lining.



SPORTY: Black jacket with aqua blue accents for a stylish active lifestyle.



TAILORED: Black double-breasted corporate blazer.



CARDIGAN: Blue knitted zip-up jacket with pocket and ribbed hem detailing.

With the New Year's cool crisp air, the jacket is the stylish woman's best accessory. These will not only keep you warm, but also give you that attitude and allure jackets have long been associated with. Here are some key jacket finds from Surplus to keep you confident, upbeat, and in-trend.

• **Padded Jackets:** Your perfect companion when travelling abroad. Snuggle in style with Surplus' great selection of padded jackets.

• **Denim Jackets:** A timeless classic with lots of attitude and lots of allure.

• **Tailored Jackets:** Sleek structured jackets that go well with power suits and simple jeans and tees.

• **Cardigans and Knitted Jackets:** Pretty preppie pieces. Soft and lightweight, these are perfect substitutes for a blazer when at work and great for chilling out on casual days.

• **Sporty Jackets:** Now out of the gym, most sporty jackets today are street-wear inspired and in high fashion style. But they still capture all the fun and fitness vibe of the sporting life.

Complete your look with Retro Phones from Surplus. Get 10x your points when presenting your SM Advantage, SM Prestige or BDO rewards Card upon purchase of a Retro Phone for only P399.75 until February 29, 2012.

The **Jacket collection** is available at Surplus stores located at most SM Supermalls and at the newly relocated and renovated SM City Marikina Branch. The new Surplus store is located at the Ground floor of SM City Marikina.

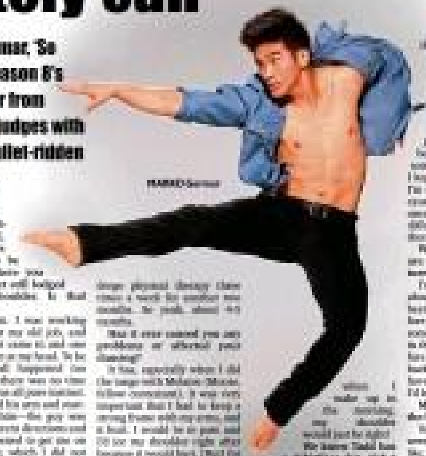
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SUPER EXCLUSIVE

Fil-Am thinks he can dance... and boy, he definitely can

Meet 22-year-old Marko Germar, 'So You Think You Can Dance' season 8's Filipino-American contender from Guam who's impressed the judges with his stellar performances, bullet-ridden shoulder notwithstanding



MARKO Germar



Super thermometer

Super kicks off 2012 with a lot of hot (and happy) things

Hot:



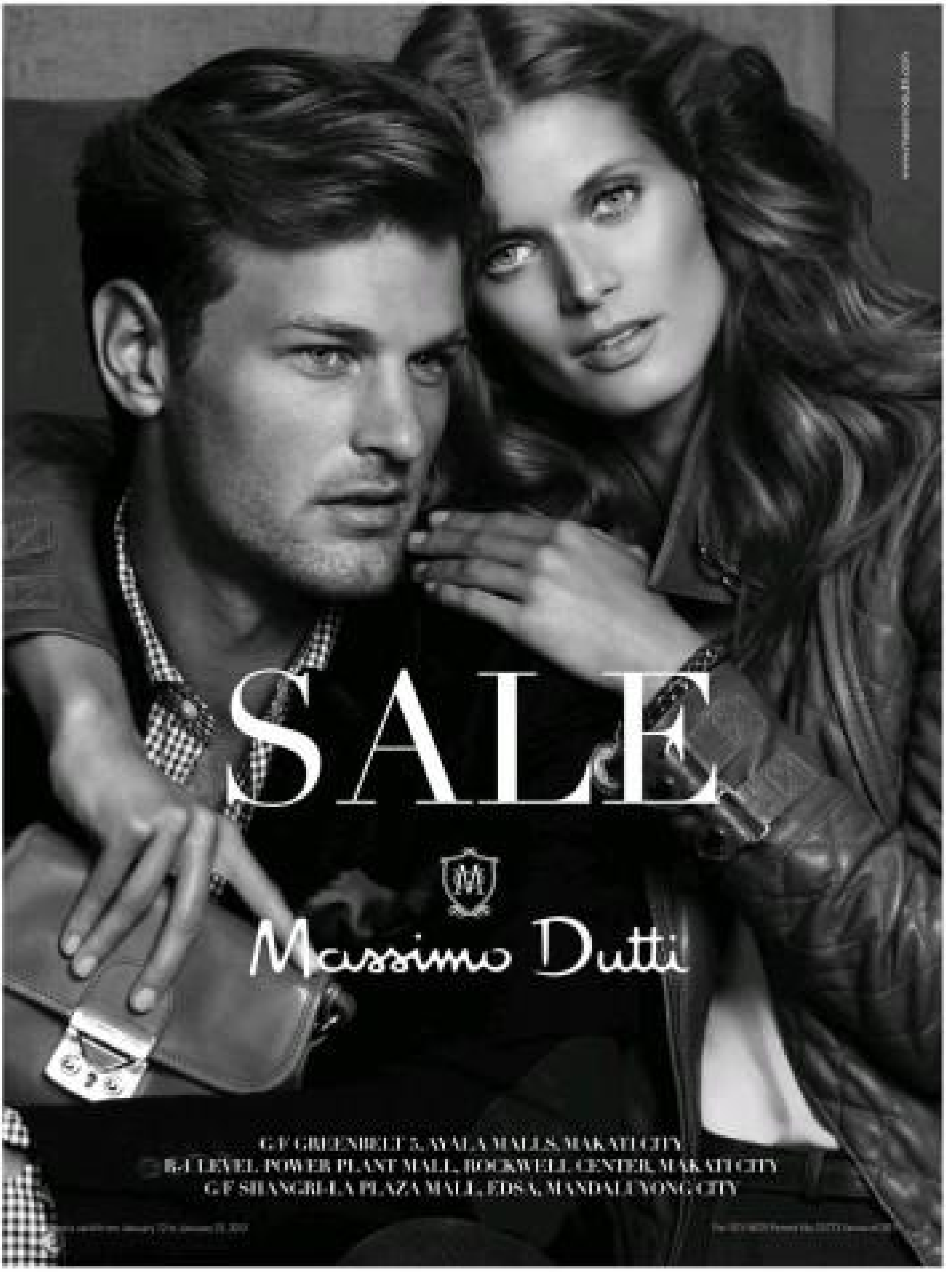
Our neighbors...

LifeStyle Travel

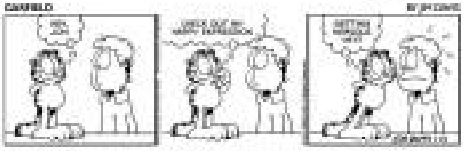


How the Filipino hero found his samurai wife in Yokohama

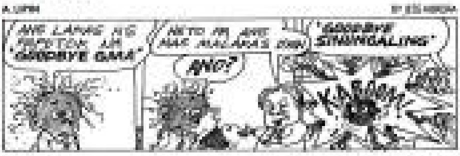
This was the story of my great grandparents, a story we discovered on a sentimental journey to the Japanese city, over a hundred years after



GARFIELD — BY JIM DAVIS



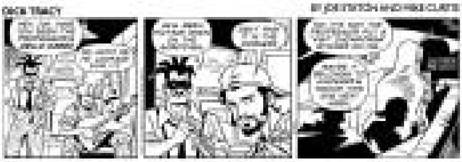
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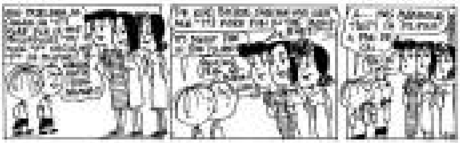


PUGAD BABOY — BY PM JUNIOR



DICK TRACY

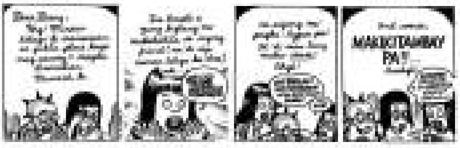




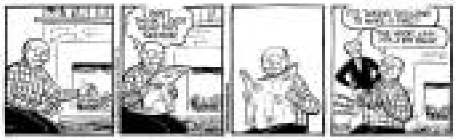
BABY BLUES — BY JERRY SCOTT



KIKO MACHINE



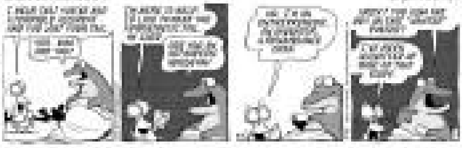
BEN — BY DANIEL SHELTON



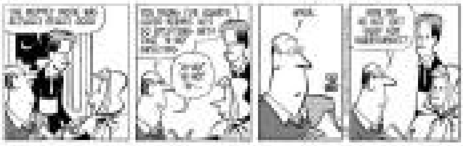
MUTTS — BY PATRICK MCDONNELL



SHERMAN'S LAGOON — BY JIM TOOMEY



DUSTIN





CONCEPTIS SU DOKU

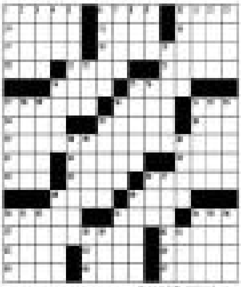
HOW TO PLAY SU DOKU

Conceptis Sudoku

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Difficulty Level ★★★★

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



How the Filipino hero found his samurai wife in Yokohama











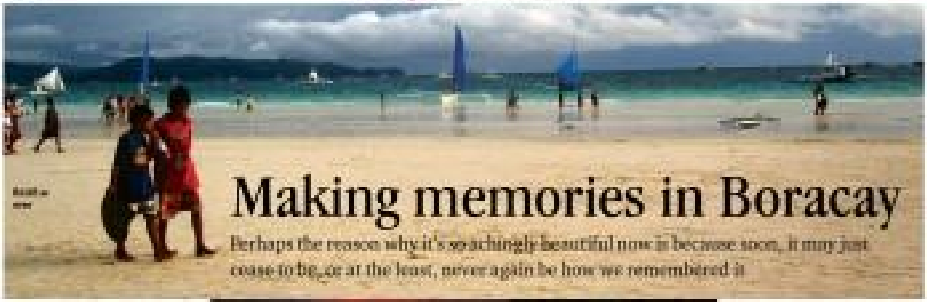
Historical marker



THE PROPAGANDISTS Jose Rizal, Marcelo H. del Pilar and our great grandfather Mariano Ponce



Golf course



Making memories in Boracay

Perhaps the reason why it's so achingly beautiful now is because soon, it may just cease to be, or at the least, never again be how we remembered it















Margarita in a jar

Confounding

Beach Escape package

Travel Briefs

Game time begins in Macau

Use your credit card —and fly free

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SATURDAY Special

NOW SHOWING

Foiled bid for dramatic credibility

By Rito P. Asilo



Pokwang mom and daughter in "A Mother's Story"

Comfortable life

Key advocacies

By Nestor U. Torre

ONLY IN HOLLYWOOD

Ruben V. Nepales



Who will stop Meryl?



STREEP: Nominated for "The Iron Lady."

Frontrunners

Early favorites



"M.A.S.H.": The daring little show that could—and did.



"SEINFELD": Audacious irreverence and rejection of all "rules."

Fortuitous fusion of excellence and popularity

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Prescient prediction

Foiled . . .

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Peta stages 'King Lear'



GUZMAN: Tagalog Filipino adaptation of Shakespearean classic

Chinese film festival

MONTAGE

Sun's Blackberry Service Add-on

DiCaprio vies for Best Actor

"Terra Nova"

Movies on TV

Thai food on my mind

STREET SMART

Mandy Navasero





PANDAN-WRAPPED chicken

Key advocacies

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SATURDAY Special

Basil Valdez breathes new life into bromidic ballads



VALDEZ. Timeless—and ageless voice.

Abundance

Vocal tricks

'Pag-ibig' adjusts focus as it eases into its concluding chapter



Own timeline

Where to Stop Where to Go

Hong Kong's lucky specialty food at Crowne's Xin Tian Di

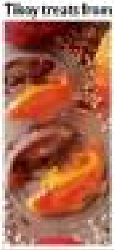
Attract good fortune at La Corona



Chinese buffet celebration at the Global City's F Restaurant

'Suite Escape' to a new year

Tikoy treats from Makati Shangri-La



Good fortune and special treats at Century Park Hotel

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Extravagant Chinese-inspired feasting at Richmonde Café

[illegible]

Auspicious delicacies and gastronomic festivities in the Year of the Dragon

[illegible]

When guests do better than TV program hosts



LEE-TAN: "Surprise" epiphany

Prospects

Frequent flubs

FANS' DAY

Boy Logro makes cooking look easy



ADELE: Her R&B-pop singing style

Great singers

Stay on track

LOTUS POND

R. Valencia and S. Bismark

Service

'Pag-ibig' adjusts

Impression